

Parks & Recreations Meeting

Next Meeting: May 11th

April 13th, 2016

Call to order: 7:01 pm

Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Patricia Adams	P	P	P	P								
Barbara Grim	P	P	P	P								
Megan Grim	A	P	P	A								
Tina Heffner	P	P	P	P								
Sherri McIlvaine	A	P	P	P								
Carmella Neira	P	P	P	P								
Donna Park	P	P	P	P								
Jeanette Remsen	P	A	P	P								
Brent Salvadori	P	A	P	P								
Matthew Scardino	P	P	A	P								
Clorinda Scarfo	P	P	P	A								
Philip Scarfo	P	P	P	A								
Irene Stiles	P	P	P	P								
Linda Teefy	P	P	P	P								
Rose Wohlfarth	P	P	P	P								
Council												
Bob Heffner	P	A	P	P								
Director												
Jim Bonder	A	P	P	P								

Recorded By: Nikki Carter

Key

P = Present

A = Absent

X = not a member during that month

R = Resigned

No meeting

Pledge

Approval of minutes by Sherri

Seconded by Pat

Public Portion:

Monroe Twp Ambulance

There is interest in having a Christmas Parade for EMS/FD for a contest. The suggestion was made to have the parade the same day as the tree lighting so the parade leads to the lighting. There would be an estimated 25-60 companies. The NJ State Fire Chiefs Assoc. would be judging with a start time around dusk (Pitman starts theirs at 6pm). One conflict would be this is the same start time as the tree lighting. Donna's concern is there are already people who skip the tree lighting to stand in line to see Santa. Plus we are at capacity right now with tents and the budget and this would draw more people. The ambulance is working with Williamstown and Cecil fire departments to see about getting volunteers. Sherri wants a better idea of how many potential companies. Jim is concerned about doing it a different night though because that would require P&R members to get out twice. Pat's concern is that our event is for our town and she's not sure we can handle the additional towns. Jeanette suggested having it in November instead for Thanksgiving but Jim's concern is it is too close to the Halloween Parade. Brent said the commission will discuss and Jim asked the ambulance to attend next month's meeting.

Old Business:

- Easter Egg Hunt went well but we need the ROTC back next year for help.
- Donna suggested the fire truck siren to be the start signal.
- Bob said there was no crowd control – we just need more help.
- The gazebo needs to be painted, cleaned and decorated.

New Business:

- Jim needs a decision on a beer garden for the Music Festival. Jim had meeting with Council and gathered information. Council has agreed to allow a beer garden under a 1 year trial and with approval from P&R. The biggest reason against the beer garden is obviously the liability and this is currently a great event. Jim wants everyone to really think about this. The partner for this event would be Rack's if we decide to move forward. The entire area would be fenced in. P&R would get a percentage of the sales. Jim would like to move forward but this needs to go to a vote. Bartenders and bouncers will be provided by Rack's. There will be an extra cost to the Township for additional police support. Dan suggested the overtime pay be the percentage for Rack's to pay out. Rack's is familiar with this and does it at other events. Carmella mentioned this is a family event so she does have concerns in the event that something does go wrong. Bob acknowledges this is a game changer. Bob's big issue is what does it bring to the event? Irene has the same concern and feels P&R members will end up needing to be involved anyway and we are already spread too thin. Is it worth the risk for the benefit? Linda wants to know who sets the rules and Jim recommended creating a committee. Sherri motioned to vote on whether or not to have a beer garden at the Music Festival, seconded by Linda.

Vote:

Pat – undecided

Barbara – yes

Tina – yes

Sherri – yes

Carmella – no

Donna – yes

Jeanette – yes

Brent – yes
Matt – yes
Irene – no
Linda – no
Rose – no

7 yes and 4 no, motion to allow a beer garden approved

Public Portion:

Larry Trimmer
327 Bryn Mawr Dr
Member of the Williamstown Badgers

Larry runs a lot of races around South Jersey and there are currently no big races in Monroe so the Badgers would like to do something in conjunction with the Halloween Parade – the Main St Monster Mile or the Main St Monster Dash – it could be run in costumes as a suggestion and the prizes can be simple like candy to keep costs down. The Halloween theme would be a good hook. Donna mentioned the Fall Festival is first. Jim said it would not be a conflict that it might be a good kick off to the parade and they would run the parade route. The Badgers will handle everything as long as they have P&R permission. Jim and the Mayor are all for it.

Motion to allow the mile run before the parade made by Donna, seconded by Pat – all in favor, none opposed – motion passes.

Ernie Carbone
Pres. Main St Committee
Reminder there is an art festival this month with work shops.

Chris Civitte
Rotary
The shaving cream fight sign ups have been slow – met with the principal to create a competition between classes to get more interest – still expecting a lot of support.

Director's Report:

- Need video from Easter Egg Hunt
- Provided 1st draft schedule for Music Festival
- Hot air balloon rides will need to be a lottery, pick ahead and create time slots for rides. Remax brings the man power. Bob thinks the lottery is a bad idea and it needs to be first come first serve.
- So far there are 60 vendors not including food
- Extend food court over to beer garden
- 17 invites for food sent out
- A lot of fields have been improved and signage coming in about trash and keeping it clean
- Donna sent a letter supporting Brent in his running for Council Ward 3
- There will be a Leadership Camp open house.

Council Report – none

Bart McIlvane wanted to thank the commission for voting yes for the beer garden.

Mayor's Report:

- Kudos on the new signs
- Go check out the minor league field with the blue monster
- Approved grant for the expansion of Owens Park

Motion to Close by Rose

Seconded by Barb

Adjournment: 9:03pm